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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6486**

**BILL NUMBER:** HB 1043

**DATE PREPARED:** Dec 5, 2001

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Fishing Licenses.

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**FUNDS AFFECTED:**     **GENERAL**  
                              **X DEDICATED**  
                              **X FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** State & Local

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill provides that a person is not required to hold a fishing license if the person's only participation in fishing is to assist certain types of persons (including the blind and the developmentally disabled) when they are fishing.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2002.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:**

**Explanation of State Revenues:** Not requiring certain individuals to hold a fishing license would reduce fees collected by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) for the license. The impact is indeterminable.

The Division of Fish and Wildlife within the DNR retains \$8.75 for each fishing license sold by the Department and \$8.00 from each license sold by a subagent.. The Department also receives \$4.90 from the federal government for each fishing license sold.

Revenue collected for fishing licenses are deposited in the Fish and Wildlife Fund. The Fund finances the operations of the DNR's Division of Fish and Wildlife and the Division of Law Enforcement. The proposal would decrease the amount of revenue available to the Fund.

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

**Explanation of Local Revenues:** Clerks of the circuit court may retain \$0.25 for each fishing license sold through a subagent. The proposal could affect local revenues by an indeterminable amount.

**State Agencies Affected:** Department of Natural Resources.

**Local Agencies Affected:** Counties.

**Information Sources:** Division of Fish and Wildlife, DNR, (317) 232-4080.